

What is KYC?

The Kuiper Youth Center is named after former Assistant Chief County Probation Officer, James T. Kuiper.

It is a residential facility located at 900 East Gilbert Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415.

The program is 6 to 9 months, offering extensive aftercare (4 to 6 months) support systems to a population of twenty (20) females who are 15 through 18 years of age. Characteristics of clients include female wards who are in need of a highly structured out-of-home placement, academically behind in school, educable, and able to participate in extensive community programs, as well as vocational training activities.

Purpose

The purpose of the Kuiper Youth Center is to provide a competency-based remedial education program which includes: accelerated physical training through a Leadership Challenge Course and weight/fitness program, a Victim Awareness Program which presents the impact of crime on victims, work experience, restitution, community service and family planning clinic. A trained community volunteer provides screening for learning disabilities including visual/audio handicaps. Substance abuse is addressed in a two-tier program treating the recreational abuser and addict. A mandatory client-parent reentry class is provided weekly by St. Bernardine's Medical Center staff through the Mission Project. Participation by

parents or guardians is encouraged as the subject material covers how to parent through exploration of self, family and community and is pertinent to successful reunification of client with family.

School

The school program is provided by the San Bernardino County Juvenile Court Schools and is administered by the County Superintendent of Schools. Full-time, credentialed teachers and teacher aides provide a competency-based educational program which is designed to address the students' abilities and disabilities on an individual basis. Individual academic and vocational testing is provided to assess present level of achievement and ability. Remedial tutoring is provided by volunteers. Students have opportunities to complete their high school requirements through programmed classroom instruction, GED study and testing, and/or adult education classes, vocational training, character education, and attendance at community colleges.

Supportive Services

Medical services are provided by on-grounds medical staff with access to large hospital care as needed. Private medical care is a legal option of client and family.

Psychological services are provided by the Probation Department's consulting services who provide crisis intervention, case

consultation, monitor client conferences and serve on screening boards. The Juvenile Justice Outpatient Clinic, through the Department of Mental Health, provides ongoing direct treatment services: individual and family therapy.

Goals

1. To provide protection to the community during the rehabilitation process.
2. To socialize and develop the individual's decision-making skills through supervised daily living experiences, role modeling, counseling/therapy, developing personal responsibilities, etc.
3. To sensitize wards to the impact of crime upon victims through a Victim Awareness Program, restitution to victims and visible community interaction.
4. To provide an environment and curriculum applicable to life experience, emphasizing community survival; e.g., family planning, nutrition, budgeting, consumer buying, credit, tax preparation, banking, occupational/educational guidance counseling and community resource utilization.
5. To improve employment possibilities by providing supervised in-community vocational training and regular employment or work experience.
6. To maximize each ward's academic potential by identifying learning disabilities by stressing competency-based evaluations and by providing access, support and

structured time necessary to prepare the ward to acquire a general education diploma (GED), High School Proficiency Exam, High School Diploma, trade school acceptance, or college acceptance.

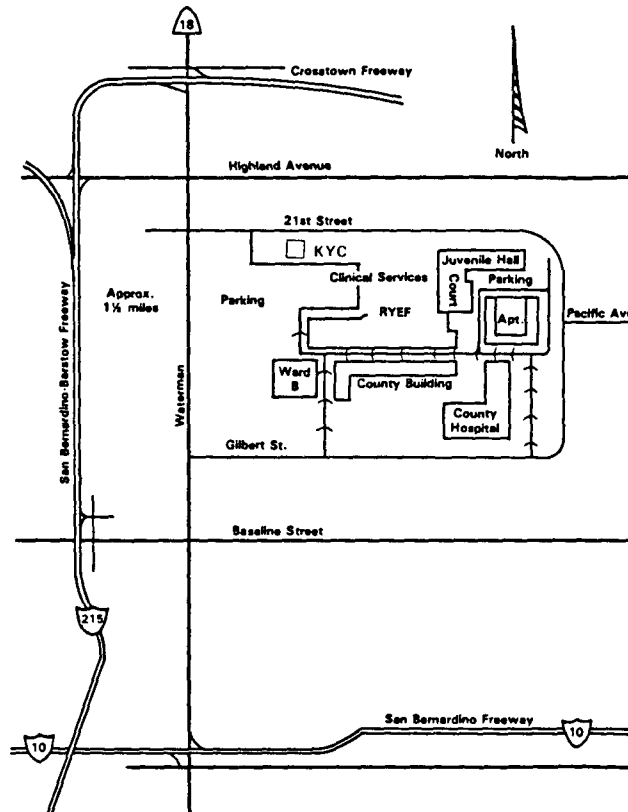
7. To encourage good health and physical fitness through structured training in personal hygiene, dental care, venereal disease, birth control, drug and alcohol counseling, calisthenics, exercise, weight training and organized athletic activities.

8. To help wards develop and internalize socially productive values through a formalized Character Education program.

9. To assist wards to reenter the community as productive citizens through the integration of program components and the supervision and support of the aftercare phase of the program.

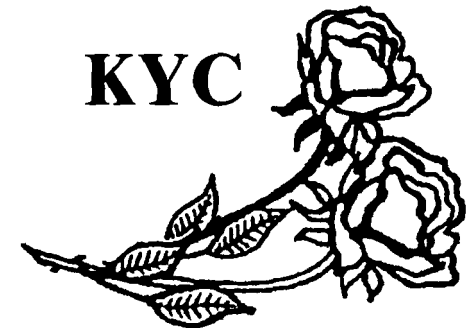
Placement Referrals

Each young woman referred will be evaluated through a screening committee. For screening appointments, contact the Program Supervisor at (909) 387-6935.



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